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wound ribbon of cord-reinforced rubber wherein the ribbon is butt joined against laterally adjacent portions of the ribbon without overlapping.

2. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 1 in which the fabric underlay comprises opposing marginal edges which extend laterally beyond lateral edges of the belt structure.

3. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 1 in which the high-modulus reinforcing cords of the fabric underlay are made of high-modulus material selected from the group consisting of polyester, nylon, rayon, aramid and glass.

4. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 1 in which the fabric underlay is located on the tensile side of the neutral bending axis of the combined belt structure, fabric underlay and ply structure.

5. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 4 in which the cords of the fabric underlay are circumferentially oriented and are prestressed in tension during manufacturing of the tire.

8. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 1 in which a fabric overlay is disposed between the belt structure and the tread.

9. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The tire of claim 1 wherein at least one of the radial plies is reinforced by essentially inextensible cords.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated 10/17/02.

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are now pending in the application.

Newly submitted claims 15-20 were held as being directed to an invention (species) that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The Examiner held that "since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented species/invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits."